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From the PNMC Office

Plan now for our **regional conference gathering, June 18-20** in Lebanon, OR. Follow *this link* for registration details and lodging information. Most of the events will take place at Lebanon Mennonite Church, 2100 S. 2nd Street in Lebanon. For questions, contact LMC at 541-258-5789 or lmc.secretary@gmail.com. Please register by **June 10**.

We have resources available at our website to help you prepare for Lebanon 2015:

Registration

Lodging

Schedule

Workshops

Area Tours

Delegate Handbook

The guest speakers for this year's gathering are Mike and Marlene Bogard. The Bogards recently moved to Salem, OR from Newton, KS, where Marlene served the Western District as Minister of Christian Formation and Resource Library Director and Mike held a variety of ministry positions. Mike will begin in the fall as a Bible teacher at Western Mennonite School and Marlene is the Executive Director of Mennonite Women, USA. They have sons and family in Portland, OR and Puyallup, WA. We are looking forward to their sharing from a wealth of experience in "Opening the Scriptures."

Kansas City 2015:

The church is encouraged to use this <u>six week spiritual discernment resource</u> in preparation for the MC USA convention in Kansas City, MO, **June 30 - July 5, 2015**. Significant dialogue and decision-making will be taking place that calls us to seek God's will for the future of the church. We must ask, "Where is God leading us as a people?" The primary hope of the resource, designed and illustrated by Leo Hartshorn, is to help individuals listen to and encounter God in daily life. Through spiritual discernment and preparation, there is hope that we can move beyond simply coming together to press for own perspectives to dominate the church, but to seek the will of God together for the church in all its diversity. This calls for the practices of prayer, surrendering ourselves and our wills, in order to be open to God's leading through the practice of spiritual discernment. Follow this link and <u>register</u> today!

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Oregon Festival for World Relief

2015 MCC Relief Sale Quilting Bees: **June 3, 4, 5** from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm at Hope Village Community Center, 1535 S. Ivy, Canby, OR. Fun and fellowship, bring your own sack lunch; coffee and water provided. Check with your quilting group for more information or contact <u>Margery Barkman</u> at 503-266-7854. Follow the link for the <u>Spring 2015 Newsletter</u>.

The annual fundraising barbecue for the Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief will take place in North Albany on Sunday, July 12, at 4 p.m. This year's musical guests: Soul Cake, a women's quartet from Corvallis Mennonite Fellowship.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Hesston College

The Hesston College community celebrated the academic accomplishments of 148 graduates during commencement **May 10**. Kevin King, director of Mennonite Disaster Service, presented the commencement address, "Abide in Me." The registrar's office announced the names of full-time students whose spring 2015 semester grades earned them a place on the **Dean's List** (3.90 to 4.00) and **Honor Roll** (3.50 to 3.89). The following students were included:

Brady Bilderback was named to the Honor Roll. He attends Evergreen Heights Mennonite Church and is the son of Scott and Kathy Bilderback. Lorren Oesch was named to the Honor Roll. She attends Evergreen Heights Mennonite Church and is the daughter of Mike and Jana Oesch. Oliver Wisseman was named to the Dean's List. He attends Bend Mennonite Church and is the son of Darrel and Janette Wisseman. Johanna Burkholder was named to the Dean's List. She attends Warden Mennonite Church and is the daughter of Glenn and Mary Burkholder. Karli Mast earned an associate of arts degree and was named to the Honor Roll. She attends Zion Mennonite Church and is the daughter of Gerald and Sheryl Mast.



MennoMedia

In a new book, <u>Hutterite Diaries: Wisdom from My Prairie Community</u>, author Linda Maendel provides a window into communal life. She describes the daily goings-on of her Hutterite colony, or bruderhof, revealing a life of sharing and Christian community. She makes what could be foreign and strange intimate and familiar through her storytelling. The book is the newest addition to the Plainspoken series, a series dedicated to showing what authentic Anabaptist life looks like in a variety of contexts. *Hutterite Diaries* is a collection of memories and anecdotes with occasional notes on the history of Hutterites, all based on Maendel's experiences in her own colony.

Mennonite Disaster Service

MDS Family Project: MDS has an exciting service opportunity for the whole family. Families of adults and children of all ages are encouraged to serve together for one week, building cabins at Camp Elim near Swift Current, Saskatchewan. There are openings for volunteers **August 16-21** and **August 23-28**. For more information call (866) 261-1274 or check the MDS website. For information about week-long volunteer opportunities or for volunteers who wish to serve long-term (one month or longer), call (800) 241-8111 or e-mail aburst@mds.mennonite.net.

Executive Director Honored: MDS Executive Director, Kevin King, was presented with the 2015 National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD) Member of The Year Award at the NVOAD Convention on May 12, in New Orleans. The award recognizes the strong contribution a NVOAD member makes to bringing groups together during all phases of disaster response. It also recognizes the contribution of the volunteers of the organization made to response. NVOAD is a coalition of non-profit and faith-based organizations that work in all phases of disaster -- preparedness, response, relief, recovery, and mitigation. King accepted the award and noted that this award is shared with our thousands of volunteers from the US and Canada who are restoring lives and bringing hope to disaster survivors.

Mennonite Health Services

How does your faith integrate with your studies and work in the healthcare field? Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) invites all healthcare workers, past, present, and future, and from medical, mental health, and chaplaincy professions, to come, along with their families, to its Annual Gathering, **July 19-21, 2015**, in Harrisburg, PA. Come to learn, fellowship, worship, network, and be encouraged in your Christian faith! Annual Gathering is a family-friendly event with a children's program for ages 0-18. The theme is "Walking Together for Healthy Communities." Grants available for students, volunteers, and those outside U.S./Canada. For more information, go to www.mennohealth/gathering, email info@mennohealth.org, or call toll-free to 1-888-406-3643. Final registration deadline is **June 28, 2015.**

The mission of Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) is an interdisciplinary community of Anabaptist health professionals which seeks to nurture the integration of faith and practice, to provide opportunities for dialogue on health related issues, and to address specific needs through education, advocacy, and service.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

June 15 (submissions due by 6/8) July 6 (submissions due by 6/29) Aug 3 (submissions due by 7/27) Aug 17 (submissions due by 8/10) If you would like to contribute, please send a **brief announcement** in Spanish & English with website links to <u>brenda@pnmc.org</u>. Our goal is to provide a valuable resource, not an In-Box jammer. If space is tight, we may omit announcements that are not as pertinent to PNMC. Announcements will run ONE time only, unless specified otherwise. *We welcome your feedback!*

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